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Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy with southeasterly moderate winds. In Amman, it will be fair with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	5	13
Agaba	9	20
Deserts	4	13
Jordan Valley	9	19

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 13, Agaba 19, Sunset Thursday: 4:31 p.m. Sunrise Friday: 6:31 a.m. Sunset Friday: 4:31 p.m. Sunrise Saturday: 6:32 a.m.

J.N. Lebanon force gets new mandate; McHenry resigns

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (JT/Agencies) — The Security Council today extended the mandate of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) by six months, until June 19, 81.

A vote was 12 in favour and against, with two abstentions. Soviet Union and East Germany, China, which does not vote on U.N. peacekeeping operations, did not take part in the

resolution also reiterated UNIFIL's commitment to "the implementation of UNIFIL's mandate throughout its entire area of operations up to the internationally recognised boundary."

There was a reference to the continued occupation of a strip of territory along the border with Israel by Israeli-occupied Lebanese Christian

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in his latest report on UNIFIL earlier this week, com-



Donald McHenry

of hostile activities by Lebanese separatists. Mr. McHenry, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, formally announced his resignation today.

He held a press conference that did not remain in this position under any circumstances, but would resume a normal life to if you will, my batteries," reports Times correspondent Tara D.

President-elect Ronald Reagan today named his own U.N. ambassador once he takes office. 20 New York Sen. Jacob Javits, a staunch supporter of who failed to win re-election, and Texan Anne Armstrong were mentioned in the candidates for the post.

UNIFIL, in commending the action of the 6,000-man force, also reiterated its reference. These were when UNIFIL was established in March 1978 following an Israeli invasion of

Southern Lebanon directed against Palestinian strongholds.

The resolution stressed that UNIFIL must be enabled to function as an efficient military unit and must enjoy freedom of movement and communication and other necessary facilities.

The council expressed support for the Lebanese government's efforts to strengthen its authority in UNIFIL's area of operations and commended Mr. Waldheim for his efforts to reactivate the Israel-Lebanon mixed armistice commission, which held a preparatory meeting on Dec. 1 after a long period of inactivity.

Ambassador Oleg Troynovskiy of the Soviet Union said the resolution was "weak" because it did not contain any condemnation of Israel or of the "Haddad separatists" who were acting on Israeli orders. He was referring to renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Saad Haddad's border enclave, maintained with Israeli aid.

He said the Security Council should have adopted a resolution calling on Israel to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon.

Mr. Troynovskiy questioned how long the United Nations could put up with a member state continually flouting its resolutions. He asked if the Security Council had no means with which to force Israel to cease aggression and obey the wishes of the international community.

Ambassador Ghassan Tuani of Lebanon said UNIFIL must become credible enough to safeguard its own security, to deter hostile acts, and to implement its mandate fully, including the total restoration of Lebanese sovereignty and authority.

Instead of UNIFIL's success being allowed to depend on actions in the field, political and diplomatic action must be developed to identify the problems, specify solutions and concentrate efforts "in the service of peace."

If today's resolution was allowed to become just "another impossible dream," Lebanon was determined to seek no further renewals and "to let everybody, us included, carry their own historical responsibilities."

"We will not even object to putting an end -- an early end -- to the present mandate, say at mid-term, if it were reported to the council that no substantial progress is being made or that the mandate in its present form is not realistically implementable," Ambassador Tuani said.

0 years in jail for Gazan

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17 (R) — An Israeli military court today sentenced a Gazan from occupied Gaza to 30 years imprisonment after his guilty of planting bombs in a public place.

Omer Ahmad Hussein, 22, was said to have planted two bombs in a children's playground in the town of Bat Yam, south of Tel Aviv. The bombs were discovered and dismantled before they exploded.

Camp David partners pleased at choice of Haig

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 17 (AP) — Israel and Egypt welcomed the appointment of retired Gen. Alexander Haig as secretary of state in President-elect Ronald Reagan's cabinet.

Israeli Foreign Ministry called the appointment "a positive step" and said it was sending Mr. Haig a congratulatory telegram. English-language *Jerusalem Post* wrote today that "many officials" expected a quick policy swing in Israel's favour under the Reagan team.

Optimism was strengthened by rumours that the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Mr. Samuel Lewis, could be appointed Mr. Haig's successor in the Middle East affairs.

The Washington correspondent of the Hebrew-language *Yedioth Aharonot* wrote that during Mr. Haig's own short campaign for the presidency he visited the Israeli embassy in Washington and thanked staff members for their support.

(Profile of Mr. Haig on page 8)

Political circles recall that at a conference in October last year Haig had stressed the "strategic importance of Israel on the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's southern flank." A Soviet Union secretary-designate has also come out firmly in favour of the peace treaty Israel signed with Egypt.



The Turkish consul-general in Sydney, Australia, Surik Arivak, was shot dead on Wednesday in this car in the Sydney suburb of Dover Heights by two assassins who escaped on a motorcycle. His bodyguard also was killed. An Armenian group later claimed responsibility. (AP wirephoto)

Khomeini cancels protests

BEIRUT, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — In a move evidently aimed at defusing a worsening power struggle in Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini today cancelled nationwide protest marches planned by clergy-oriented hardliners against the secular moderates of President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. Iran's official Pars news agency reported.

The 80-year-old patriarch of Iran's Islamic revolution said in a radio address that his cancellation orders were issued to preserve Iran's national unity in the war against Iraq.

The two nations staked rival claims of gains in tank, paratrooper and helicopter gunship combat today, but war communiques showed the 87-day-old conflict had bogged down in a winter standoff.

The ayatollah described the war situation as "critical" and said no divisive reactions by the public were permissible "even if I or my portrait are insulted."

In incidents in the central city of Isfahan last Friday, portraits of Ayatollah Khomeini were reported to have been torn up by unidentified people.

Despite the ban on demonstrations, student organisations in Tehran announced they would hold a ceremony of prayers at Tehran University's mosque tomorrow. Tehran Radio said in its evening broadcast.

There was little movement on the issue of the 52 U.S. hostages in

Iran. U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said today negotiations to free them appeared to have taken a positive turn and there was a chance of their early release.

Mr. Muskie said in a television interview that an Iranian message which Algerian emissaries were waiting to transmit from Tehran

seemed "to be in the nature of a substantive response which may or may not be the final response."

Commenting on the possibility of an early release of the hostages, he said: "There is a chance, but until we know the details, we don't know whether they are asking us to go beyond the limits we have said we can go."

Talks to begin Tuesday on Chad ceasefire force

LAGOS, Dec. 17 (R) — Twelve African leaders will meet here next Tuesday to discuss setting up an African ceasefire force to monitor a settlement of the Chad civil war, a Nigerian government spokesman said today.

The government announced last night that the emergency summit had been called after expiry of last Monday's deadline for signature of a ceasefire agreement by the warring factions in Chad.

President Goukouni Oueddei signed a ceasefire accord recently in Libreville, and his rival, former defence minister Hissene Habre, signed a similar agreement in Cameroon yesterday.

Reports were divided, however, on whether President Goukouni and Mr. Habre would be invited to the summit.

Assured participants will be the heads of state of the six countries bordering Chad, Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Chairman Siaka Stevens, who is president of Sierra Leone, and presidents Sekou Toure of Guinea, Leopold Sedar Senghor of Senegal, Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo, Ahmad Kerekou of Benin and Denis Sassou-Nguesso of Congo.

An official statement said Nigeria, which has been host for four previous conferences to try to settle the Chad conflict, agreed to hold the new summit at the request of the OAU.

Nigeria has recently voiced concern that the civil war might escalate because of foreign involvement, especially by Libyan forces supporting President Goukouni.

Nigerian officials said reports that President Goukouni's forces had taken complete control of the capital, N'Djamena, were not the reason for summoning the conference.

Gunmen kill 2 in Damascus attacks

BEIRUT, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Anti-government guerrillas have struck in Damascus while Syrian President Hafez Al Assad is away in Libya for merger talks, killing a university professor and a prominent Muslim cleric.

An official Syrian spokesman blamed the underground Muslim Brotherhood for the double murder.

Dr. Youssef Sawagh, a professor of medicine at Damascus University, and Sheikh Mohammad Adnan Ladhani were shot dead by gunmen in the heavily policed Syrian capital yesterday afternoon.

SANA, the official Syrian news agency, said the assassinations proved the Brotherhood's external links. It did not elaborate.

The killings occurred despite a major security clampdown directed at the Muslim fundamentalists, who want to eradicate all western or Marxist influence from Islam. They have been blamed for a long campaign of anti-government bombings and shootings.

Eulogies for the two men were issued by the Damascus branch of the ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party, of which President Assad is head.

President Assad and Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi today held a fourth round of talks in Benghazi on how to weld their two countries into a single state, SANA reported.

The two nations agreed in September on a 13-point statement

outlining their merger after Col. Qadhafi called for the two states to unite on Sept. 1, the 11th anniversary of the revolution that brought him to power.

Under the agreement, the Syrian and Libyan leaderships pledged to hold regular consultations on the structural process to bring about the merger.

Although no official announcement has yet been made on the outcome of the Benghazi talks, observers in Damascus noted that Syrian officials have been talking of a step-by-step approach to the merger while Libyans advocate an immediate union.

Libyan officials also want to see their system of government applied to the union. This would rule out a cabinet, government ministers or ruling parties, with only a popular committee to run the new state, the Damascus observers said.

Syria's Baathists find this call for their own extinction as a party difficult to swallow. The Syrians, these observers said, were expected to try to prolong the talks in hopes of coming to an agreement closer to their own views.

Damascus has announced that after his stay in Libya, President Assad is due to fly on to Algeria for discussions with President Chadli Benjedid.

He also expressed the opinion recently that the link between rising oil costs to the West and the Israeli-Arab conflict was "tenuous."

However, the *Jerusalem Post* also noted today that for the moment Mr. Haig was "avoiding disappointing America's friends in Arab countries."

EGYPT's foreign minister today said Mr. Haig's nomination would have a "good effect on military and political cooperation" between Washington and its strongest Arab ally.

"The presence of such a man, the former head of NATO and now a foreign minister, a man with experience in strategy and foreign policy, will make the Middle East the centre of interest in U.S. foreign policy," said Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

The Egyptian minister said he sent Mr. Haig a cable of congratulations. Egypt is optimistic about the choice, Mr. Ali said.

Mr. Haig's nomination must be approved by the Senate, and this is considered likely. Technically, though, Mr. Haig is not a foreign minister yet.

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington offered a warm welcome to Mr. Haig, and sent him a message made public by the Foreign Office.

"I was delighted to hear of your appointment as secretary of state," the message said. It continued: "I look forward to working with you in the challenging problems we face in common."

In Tokyo, a JAPANESE Foreign Ministry spokesman said Japan welcomed the appointment.

"We don't foresee any change in U.S. foreign policy with Japan," he said, adding that Tokyo did not anticipate that Mr. Reagan and Mr. Haig would adopt a tougher stance on Japanese military spend-

Result of Saudi price increase Jordan's oil-import bills to go up JD 8.5 million

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (JT/Agencies) — Saudi Arabia's decision to increase the price of its exported crude oil to \$32 a barrel is likely to cost Jordan an extra JD 8.5 million a year, says Al Ra'i economic commentator Fahed Al Fanek.

Because the value of Jordan's oil imports exceeds that of all its exports combined, the burden of the increase by the Saudis is particularly serious, Mr. Fanek notes. Jordan imports all its crude oil from Saudi Arabia at the official price.

The Saudi \$2-a-barrel increase, retroactive to Nov. 1, was announced at the conference this week in Bali, Indonesia of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). That meeting set ceilings of \$36 a barrel on most crudes and \$41 a barrel on top-quality oil.

Many oil-consuming nations have denounced the increase. This will mean in their fuel bills, Jordan is no exception.

Mr. Fanek notes that the price of Saudi oil was raised in August to \$30 from \$28 a barrel, meaning that in total Jordan is likely to pay JD 17 million more for oil each year.

Jordanians will bear this new burden directly through higher prices to the consumer or indirectly through budget support, he writes. The government chose to raise price after the Saudi price increase three months ago. Its response to the latest increase is not known.

The OPEC price increase also is likely to affect the Jordanian economy indirectly because the price of imports will increase. This is very significant because imports constitute a very large proportion of consumption and investment in Jordan.

Furthermore, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, which buys fuel from the international air ports, will incur a new burden estimated at JD 2.5 million due to the anticipated increase in aviation fuel prices.

The new round of OPEC price increases is unfair to the industrial world, U.S. officials say.

"We do not consider these increases to be justified, particularly in the light of the good record of the United States and the industrial world in general in

restraining demand," White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said yesterday.

"We are extremely disappointed by OPEC's decision," said Energy Secretary Charles Duncan Jr., who cited "the fragility of today's worldwide economic conditions."

The U.S. Energy Department forecast that the average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline or heating oil would go up five cents.

In New York, Sen. Henry Jackson, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, said the rises would worsen the U.S. recession. "We're going to have in the first six months of next year the greatest inflationary threat since World War II," he added in an interview.

Japan said its bill would rise between \$3 billion and \$4 billion from \$60 billion this year. West Germany put the increase at \$4.5 billion from a present \$30 billion, and Italy forecast a \$3.4 billion rise on current imports of \$23 billion.

Several countries said the effects of the rises would be lessened by their efforts at conservation. In Japan, the Petroleum Federation said the volume of imports next year would be no greater than in 1980. And among Third World nations, Kenya said it had already taken some steps to

offset the increase, which the government had foreseen. But further conservation measures might be needed.

Oil experts in several centres believed the final OPEC increase would be strongly influenced by developments in the oil market over the next few weeks. The scale of OPEC members' price increases is also likely to depend on how far consumers are ready to draw on stocks to offset the continued loss of a large volume of Iraqi and Iranian oil. OPEC experts said.

The market lost four million barrels a day (b/d) of Iraqi and Iranian oil, or about 15 per cent of OPEC production, after the Gulf war started in late September. A quarter of that loss has been restored.

Peace would result in a glut, with Iraq and Iran rushing to export at well over pre-war levels to earn revenues to rebuild their economies. Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani predicts.

But if the war looked like continuing long into 1981, and jittery consumer stopped drawing on stocks and scrambled for oil, he has warned the West that prices could soar in a sellers' market.

\$1.7 billion pact signed to build Saudi university

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, Dec. 17 (AP) — Blount International Ltd. of Montgomery has been awarded a \$1.7 billion contract to build a university complex at Riyadh.

Mr. Charles Barnette, the firm's director of public affairs and communications, said the contract is the "largest single international construction contract ever signed."

The contract comes after more than three years of negotiations and after formation of a partnership with a major French contractor, Bouygues S.A., located near Paris.

Mr. Barnette said the Blount-Bouygues partnership signed an English-language contract yesterday with the University of Riyadh to build the campus for some 20,000 students.

He said the partnership's representatives will sign the official Arabic-language contract on or before Jan. 31.

The contract calls for construction of buildings to house 10 colleges, a library, student union and support facilities as well as roads and landscaping on a site northeast of Riyadh.

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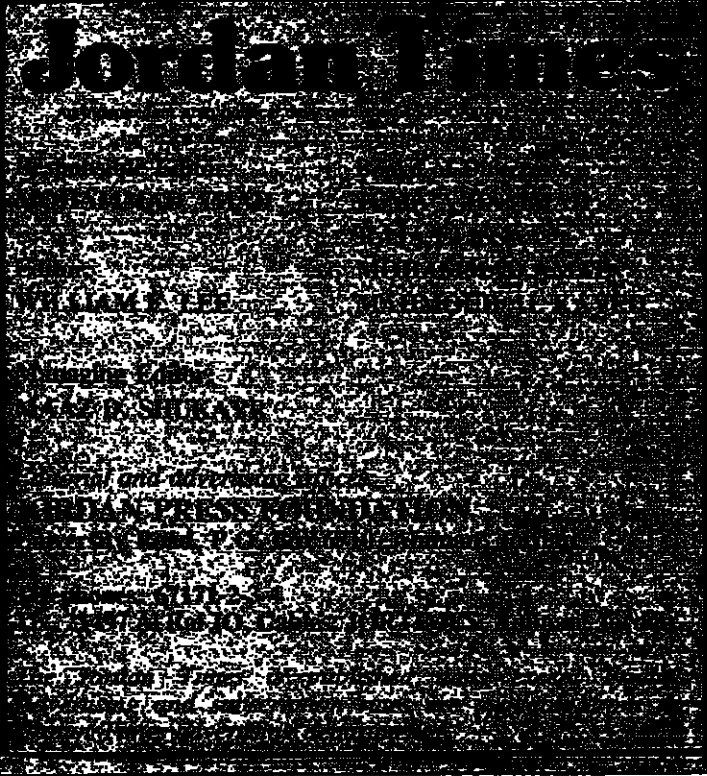
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Stealing away

HOW interesting it is that, at a time when the Zionist state is pushing ever outwards to occupy, colonise and annex another people's historical homeland, the intended beneficiaries of this expansionist policy -- the Jews living in Israel and all those scattered throughout the world who, one is told, harbour a desperate psychological need for the security of a "homeland" of their own -- are turning away from the Zionist vision in greater and greater numbers.

Figures just published in Israel show that 33,000 more Jews left the country in the first ten months of this year than entered it -- more than double the figure for the same period of last year. In November, only 964 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel -- the lowest number for 12 years -- while more than 2,800 left. Immigration from western Europe is down 32 per cent, and of the Jews leaving the Soviet Union -- a subject about which Israel makes no end of agonised propaganda -- more than three-quarters choose not to go to Israel at all, but rather go almost invariably to the United States.

Moreover, according to a recent Israeli newspaper poll, more than 10 per cent of Jews over 18 in Israel say they either plan to emigrate in the foreseeable future or may do so eventually.

Considering that the Zionist state is meant to have immigration as its very foundation, these trends indicate more than just a prevailing dissatisfaction with the present Israeli government, or a monetary discomfiture with an inflation rate approaching 200 per cent annually.

And yet, despite this massive and overwhelming show of no confidence, which strikes at the very premise of Zionism, Israel continues with impunity to enforce and enhance its occupation of the Arab land of Palestine, including Jerusalem, and continues to build settlements and install Israeli institutions in those lands, and continues to talk of annexing still more land, and continues to pursue an aggressive and suppressive military policy against the Arabs caught in the Zionist grip.

We think the facts about Israel today speak for themselves in portraying the absolute bankruptcy of the Zionist myth and the aggressive and racist nature of its perpetuation. Israel, predictably, is trying to dismiss the latest spate of resolutions against its policies adopted at the United Nations as the work of "anti-Semitic" mischief-makers; the American media, ever responsive to Zionist sensibilities, have picked up this theme.

The point is, what happens, as far as the native Arab inhabitants of Palestine are concerned, if the trend continues? Some say they are prepared to wait 50 or 100 years--the lifespan of the only previous Jewish regime in Palestine--to get their land back. One might say that no Arab political, diplomatic, economic or even military effort seems likely to be as successful in reclaiming the land of Palestine for those who originally lived there as the manifest failure of the Zionist policy of *aliya* seems destined to be.

But what credible alternative is offered to fill the vacuum that will be created? This subject has been written about and thought about endlessly since the Zionist movement first took hold, and there is a considerable consensus--often remarkably free of the bitterness and vengefulness that a people so cruelly deprived might be expected to feel--about what must be done to recreate a secular state belonging to all those for whom Palestine is, was, truly home. It would be sad if those who want back what was stolen from them were otherwise engaged, or squabbling amongst themselves, or just not paying attention when the thief finally gives up and flees into the night.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: His Majesty the Supreme Commander on Tuesday addressed our military reservists who had rushed to join their units without being summoned, out of their national feelings and conscience, thereby making the most remarkable display of patriotism.

King Hussein expressed pride in the volunteers, and spoke about the facts which have always characterised Jordan's march, particularly pan-Arab commitment to the Arab Nation and its rights, and support for the independence of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Thus King Hussein wanted to remind everyone of our country's loyalty to its principles and ideals. The reaffirmation of these facts means the planting of more confidence and faith in the hearts of our steadfast kinsmen in the occupied territories. This country will always remain a fortress defending the cause of destiny, and the springboard of unified Arab action, as happened at the Amman summit.

Furthermore, the reaffirmation of these facts leaves no room or excuse for any failure to join this advance. Every citizen should remember the historic and national responsibility for whose sake he must rise to the required level and adhere to the unified Arab strategy which emerged from the Amman summit.

These basic duties cannot be evaded, particularly in the light of the need to act quickly and without hesitation in the interest of the Arab cause, since the major problem facing the region is the Zionist aggression which threatens all of us.

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Israel moves to grab JDEC

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 17 (R)-- Israel Radio reported tonight that the Israeli energy ministry and electric corporation have begun proceedings to take over the Arab-owned Jerusalem District Electric Company.

The radio said a senior energy ministry official today telephoned the company chairman, former Jordanian defence minister Anwar Nuseibeh, and asked him to allow Israeli workers to begin taking inventories. Mr. Nuseibeh refused.

Last month, Mr. Nuseibeh reached an agreement with the Israeli authorities over the company's ownership. But in a press conference tonight, he said Israel had gone beyond the terms of the agreement.

"I was presented with terms which were not only in excess of the agreement itself but were also in conflict with the basic principle... namely that I am not authorised to amend the company's concession," he said.

The company supplies Arab East Jerusalem and part of the occupied West Bank with power. It holds a concession from the Jordanian government which expires next year.

The Israeli supreme court is to rule later this month on whether the Israeli electricity corporation can take over the concession when it expires.

Israel is anxious to control the company and take over power supplies to the new Jewish neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem and Israeli West Bank settlements.

The radio report said the energy ministry had drawn up contingency plans to prevent Arab workers striking if Israel takes over the company.

Crown Prince fetes King Juan Carlos

MADRID, Dec. 17 (Petra)-- His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath this evening held a dinner banquet here in honour of Spain's King, Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia.

Earlier today, Prince Hassan visited a Spanish aircraft plant in Madrid. He had a briefing from the managers of the plant on the development of the aircraft industry in Spain and the types and uses of the planes built at the plant.

The Crown Prince who is on an official visit to Spain, toured the various sections of the plant, and later saw an air show performed by aircraft produced there.

Prince Hassan also visited the Industrial Institute in Madrid, and heard a briefing on the history of



the development of industry in Spain and the role the institute is performing in developing and supporting it.

Industrial Cities Cor approved

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (JT) -- A royal decree was issued today approving a law for the establishment of the Jordanian Industrial Cities Corporation.

Under the law, the corporation, with headquarters in Amman, will have the right to establish branches around the country. Its purpose is to encourage the establishment of industrial projects and

their distribution around the country. The initial capital of the corporation, which was first approved by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in January, is JD 6 million. The Jordanian government is participating with JD 4.2 million and the Industrial Development Bank, the Pension Fund and the Housing Bank with JD 600,000 each.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

Under the patronage of Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh, the department of Culture and Arts in cooperation with the Embassy of the German Democratic Republic, presents an exhibition of posters. The opening ceremony is Thursday at 5 p.m., at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth in Shmeisani.

The exhibition will continue until Dec. 24.

The Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives presents a documentary exhibition at the Aqaba Hotel lobby as part of National Archives Week, ending Friday.

The Spanish Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of Spanish poetry and paintings, at the University of Jordan Library. Works on display include translations of Arabic sonnets from Sapin.

Fashion show

The Holiday Inn presents a show of fashions by Jordanian designer Majda Al Oasir, under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Wijdan Ali. A reception will follow the show, which begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets cost JD 5 each.

Film

The French Cultural Centre presents the third film in its Gerard Philippe film festival, "Le Rouge et le Noir", on Friday at 7:30 p.m., at the centre in Jabla Luweidch.

1980 Chess tournament

The Royal Chess Club invites all players and those interested in chess to visit the club, to watch and take part in open games that will be held weekly and continue until the end of this year. Location: Fourth Circle, Jabal Amman. Tel. 44173

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Budget ready for NCC approval

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (Petra) -- Minister of Finance Salem Masadeh said today that Jordan's budget for 1981 will be submitted to the National Consultative Council for approval at its next regular session.

He was speaking following a four-hour cabinet session today at which the final details of the budget were discussed.

The budget amounts to JD 638.2 million and the deficit is JD 26.3 million.



Badran, Romanian envoy meet

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (Petra) -- Visiting Romanian presidential envoy Mr. Vasile Pungan (above, centre) met today with Prime Minister Mudar Badran for a review of international issues in general and the Middle East in particular, as well as Jordanian-Romanian relations. They also reviewed scopes of cooperation between the two countries. Mr. Pungan arrived here yesterday and delivered a message from Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu to His Majesty King Hussein dealing with international issues.

Khalaf, Shak'a due here

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (JT) -- The mayor of Ramallah, Mr. Karim Khalaf, will arrive in Amman from the United States on Thursday. Al Ra'i newspaper reported today.

It said the mayor, who had an artificial foot fitted in the U.S. after losing a foot in a car bomb attack in Ramallah in May, will spend a few days here before going back to his home town. The paper said the mayor of Nablus, Mr. Bassam Al Shak'a, who lost his legs in a similar terrorist attack coordinated with that on Mr. Khalaf, will also arrive in Amman in the coming week.

Jordan increases its quota in IMF

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (Petra) -- The Central Bank today announced that Jordan's quota in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will be increased from 30 million units of Special Drawing Rights (SDR), equivalent to JD 11.8 million, to 45 million SDR (equivalent to JD 17.7 million).

The IMF grants short- and medium-term loans to its members not exceeding 50 per cent of their quotas at one time. The loans are normally granted to help to even the countries' balance of payment.

The IMF was established at the same time as the World Bank in December 1945, to promote

international monetary cooperation, to facilitate the expansion and balanced growth of international trade and to promote stability in foreign exchange. It has various arrangements for the sale of foreign exchange to countries with balance of payments deficits. The Special Drawing Account was introduced in 1970 as a means of strengthening national reserves.

JD 10 fee for residence

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (Petra) -- An amendment to the 1973 aliens law went into force yesterday, under which all aliens requesting residence permits will be charged a fee of JD 10 each; and JD 6 will be charged for renewal of the permits in subsequent years.

A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said that aliens failing to obtain a permit or renewal will be liable for a JD 20

fine for each month or part thereof during which they do not have a valid permit.

The spokesman called on all institutions and companies not to employ non-Jordanians unless they produce valid residence permits. Any violation by employers of the aliens law, he said, will make them liable for a fine of JD 50 for each foreign employee not abiding by the regulations.

Arab wage policy meeting ends

AMMAN, Dec. 17 (JT) -- Specialists from five Arab states charged with drawing up pay policies for workers in the Arab World ended a three-day meeting here today with an announcement that the delegates had drawn up a draft inter-Arab agreement defining the main principles of wage policies and providing protection to workers. The draft agreement will be submitted to the Arab Labour Bureau, which will hold its ninth session in Tripoli in March of next year, the spokesman said.

Taking part in the meetings were experts in labour affairs from Jordan, Syria, Morocco, Iraq, Sudan and the Arab Labour Organisation, as well as the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions.

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Text and photos
by Marianne Pearson
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 17 — Profits from the Amman Players production of the comedy, "Boeing Boeing" found their way to the Hai Nazzal Community Centre yesterday, when Mrs. Kitty Ephgrave, organiser of the amateur theatrical group, turned over a cheque for JD 350 to the centre's director, Mr. Bashir Abu Ahmad.

The centre was built by the cooperative efforts of the citizens of local community and university of Jordan students, who continue to work there as volunteers. A women's activities room, a clinic and a children's playground are now in use, while a basketball court, and aviary and an outdoor theatre are nearing completion.

Mrs. Ephgrave said profits from the sale of tickets to all Amman

Players productions are given to charitable organisations, with preference given to local groups. Some of the other beneficiaries of the theatre group are the school for the deaf in Salt, the Queen Alia Fund, the House of Peace and mentally handicapped children.

The Amman Players stage three plays a year during their October to May season. In addition the group occasionally presents dinner theatre productions and skits for benefit performances.

Although Mrs. Ephgrave broke here arm nine days before "Boeing Boeing" was due to be presented, she said there was never any doubt that the show would go on. For several days, however, it seemed unlikely that she personally would appear in it.

Her career in the theatre dates to 1919, when she began to train as an opera singer. Financial

exigencies led her to work in musical revues, musical comedies and repertory theatre instead. Since the time of World War II, she has been directing plays. Living overseas with her daughter Mrs. Pat Pengilly, the well-known Radio Jordan personality, and son-

-in-law Mr. Don Pengilly, who is with National Cash Register, she has worked with drama groups in Ghana, Nigeria and Jeddah, with profits from the productions going to charities. Queen Elizabeth II honoured her for her work in Jeddah with an M.B.E.

The Amman Players' new production may be a comedy, but a thriller, a costume play or a combination of these. Mrs. Ephgrave says she will welcome anyone interested in onstage work with the group. She can be reached at telephone 6511.



Mrs. Ephgrave visits the centre's women's activities room, where two sewing classes are in progress.



Mr. Bashir Abu Ahmad (centre), director of the community centre, points out its new open-air theatre which is nearing completion. He began work at the centre as a volunteer student worker.



Kitty Ephgrave, her arm in a sling, gets assistance from her daughter Mrs. Pat Pengilly in signing a JD 350 cheque for the Hai Nazzal Community Centre. The centre is the eighth organisation to benefit from an Amman Players production.

1981 landmark year for Queen Alia Fund

By Dina Matar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Dec. 17 — The Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund, now in its own with ample fund-

ing, will at last start to realise some of its major social projects with the beginning of 1981, according to its executive director, Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber.

Dr. Abu Jaber said that this year the fund received a donation from King Khaled of Arabia, and has been designated another, of 1 million dinars, from Iraq.

The 1981 is designated the year of the disabled child around the world, the fund's most urgent project has been channelled to the needs of handicapped children in Jordan. "We have four projects which take care of the blind and the paralysed," Dr. Abu Jaber said.

These projects include the construction of two centres each in Amman and Irbid, to serve as day and housing units for the disabled and for the paralysed. According to a census carried out by the fund in early 1978, "the number of blind people in Jordan is about 1,990 cases," Dr. Abu Jaber said, "of which only 120 are receiving integrated ser-

vice. The fund's most urgent project would take some time," Dr. Abu Jaber said, "because the engineering and architectural

plans have not yet been completed." Members of the Queen Alia

Fund's staff feel that helping the handicapped does not necessarily mean being charitable. "We want people to realise that these disabled people are citizens with equal rights with others more fortunate than they are," Dr. Abu Jaber added. And to recognise the rights of another is not an act of charity.

The fund intends that the year 1981 should mark the beginning of its activities for handicapped children, but not their end.

In addition to these projects, the fund plans to organise a department to serve as a research centre, and where topics of interest to the fund and Jordanian society at large would be kept in a sort of data bank.

"We have developed a research paper related to social matters in Jordan," Dr. Abu Jaber said, "in cooperation with the Bantel Foundation of the United States." This research project will lead to the publication of a book dealing with women, children, the problems of handicapped people, social defence and social statistics matters in Jordanian society.

The Ministry of Social Development has included the fund's programmes within its five-year plan for 1981-85. The fund's staff also works closely with the Department of Statistics and the University of Jordan. "This cooperation has helped us a lot,"



Kamel Abu Jaber

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Wazzan outlines policies



Mr. Shafiq Al Wazzan

BEIRUT: Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan says his government will use all possible methods to end Israeli occupation of part of South Lebanon.

Mr. Wazzan, a prominent Muslim lawyer, did not mention what action he envisaged. But Lebanon on Monday asked the United Nations to strengthen its forces in

the area.

The prime minister was presenting his government's statement of policy to the Lebanese single-house parliament, the chamber of deputies, before a vote of confidence Tuesday in the new administration formed in October.

Mr. Wazzan said he was deter-

mined to re-establish Lebanese sovereignty over the whole country, including a southern border strip which he said was under Israeli occupation.

The 10 kilometre wide belt of territory is held by Israeli-backed rightist Lebanese militiamen, and according to U.N. sources Israeli troops have free access to the area.

The U.N. General Assembly has called for the Lebanese state to be allowed to establish its authority up to the border with Israel, but a 6,000-strong U.N. peace-keeping force has been unable to move into the whole of its mandated territory.

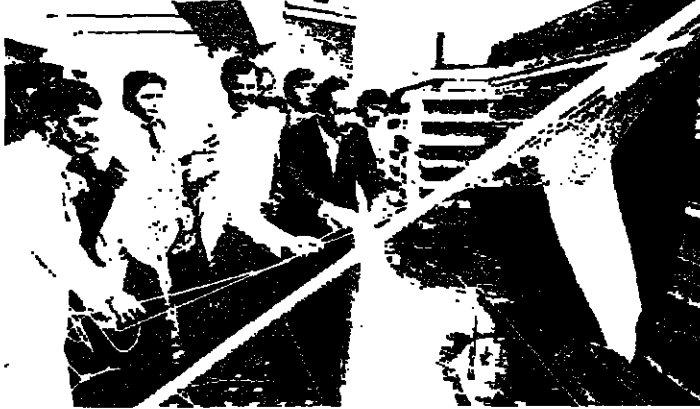
The international force was stationed in South Lebanon after an Israeli invasion of the area in 1978. The U.N. Security Council renewed on Monday the force's mandate for six months.

Despite the Lebanese request for the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to be strengthened, a senior UNIFIL officer was quoted Tuesday by the French-language Beirut daily *L'Orient-Le Jour* as saying there was no likelihood it would be given powers to occupy its mandated territory by force.

Mr. Wazzan was appointed prime minister by President Elias Sarkis after moves to form a government of national unity in Lebanon failed several months ago.

In October he formed a 22-man cabinet, but a minister of state resigned immediately. Early this month four Shi'ite Muslim ministers offered to resign in a dispute over Shi'ite representation in the cabinet, but President Sarkis did not accept the resignations. (R)

Arafat to visit Japan next year



PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat used his first official visit to Europe 15 months ago to raise the Palestinian flag on the organisation's office in Madrid. Will he have the chance to raise a Palestinian flag in Tokyo?

TOKYO: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will definitely visit Japan next year, possibly in April or May, according to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office here.

A spokesman said Mr. Arafat accepted an invitation to visit Japan when he met Sunday with former Japanese foreign minister Toshio Kimura, currently visiting the Middle East in a private capacity.

The spokesman said Mr. Arafat will spend one week here in an effort to gain diplomatic status for the PLO office in Tokyo and to seek Japan's understanding of the Palestinian problem.

The foreign ministry, mean-

while, withheld comment on the proposed visit. A spokesman said Mr. Arafat will be given all "possible courtesies" if he decides to come and that the ministry would try to arrange meetings with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

While Japan maintains friendly relations with the PLO, it does not recognise the commando organisation.

Mr. Arafat has repeatedly insisted he would not visit Japan unless given an official invitation from the government, which believes Palestinian problems should be settled by the Palestinians themselves. (AP)

Gen. Ghanem: Kuwait capable of defending itself

KUWAIT: Kuwait's air defence network is capable of protecting the oil-rich country from all directions. Gen. Abdullah Al Ghanem, the new armed forces chief of staff was quoted as saying Wednesday.

The air force has orders to intercept any aircraft violating Kuwaiti air space "or even outside our borders to protect our air space from all directions." Gen. Al Ghanem was quoted as saying in an interview published by several local newspapers.

Last month Iranian jets bombed Kuwait's Al Abdali border post on the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border. Kuwait protested strongly to Iran about the incident.

Gen. Al Ghanem took over as chief of staff last week, replacing Gen. Mubarak Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah.

Gen. Al Ghanem was quoted as saying he is in favour of the establishment of a common military command by the Gulf states, but

this was something by the political leadership. "The Gulf states defending their interests," he was saying.

Gen. Al Ghanem revealing that he cooperates in the chasing program state can receive others, if it face spare parts or oil.

Ben Bella urges Arabs to rely on agriculture

BEIRUT: Algeria's first revolutionary leader called on Arab states to break away from the West and rely on their own resources for economic and political survival, according to a report in a leftist daily here.

Mr. Ahmad Ben Bella, the first Algerian prime minister after independence from France in 1962-63, was quoted in the leftist *As Saffr* as saying that the most damaging "curse" of the Arab Nation was oil. He said it put "barriers on the natural development in the Arab World, coming as a surprise and making the Arabs lose their balance."

Mr. Ben Bella was imprisoned by his rival, Col. Houari Boumedienne, in 1965 and recently released by the new president, Chadli Ben Jedid.

"It is a mistake to follow western lines. Why can't we find a policy peculiar to ourselves and rely on our agriculture?" he was quoted as saying.

The ideal way of achieving a revolution is through democracy, he said, and added that when he was released from prison he was "convinced that the socialist and capitalist systems cannot solve the human problem." Mr. Ben Bella suggested this was not possible

with only one party ruling a nation, as is the case in Algeria.

Mr. Ben Bella said that he disagreed with the Iranian religious leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in many respects. He said he believes that no one benefited from the war between Iraq and Iran but the western nations. He said he feared the war may not allow the Iranian revolution to take its proper form. (AP)



Mr. Ahmad

Moi accuses Somalia of expansionism



President Daniel arap Moi

NAIROBI: Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi, praising increased cooperation between his country, Ethiopia and Sudan, indirectly accused Somalia Tuesday of bringing misery to the Horn of Africa.

Without naming Somalia, he said: "Untold miseries have been witnessed in the Horn of Africa through the vain dreams of a particular state of altering existing boundaries by force of arms."

"Kenya will never be a party to such schemes of expansionism," he added.

President Moi was addressing the opening session of talks on a four-day state visit to Sudan which was expected to centre on regional

economic cooperation.

"It is unfortunate that the situation in both East Africa and the Horn of Africa has continued to deteriorate since our summit in (the Kenyan towns of) Nakurd and Mombasa this year," he said.

"The notion of territorial claims within our region continues to frustrate our creative spirit of regional cooperation, peaceful co-existence and good neighbourliness."

He said that in this context he was happy that Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya had agreed to re-activate their tripartite ministerial consultative committee early next year. (R)

Turkish forces kill three extremists

ANKARA: Security forces shot dead three extremists and wounded one this week in a forest near the Black Sea province of Ordu. Turkish newspapers reported Wednesday.

The incident happened near a mountain village, after a tip-off that a number of extremists, believed to be leftists, were hiding in the area. Six other militants, including one girl escaped, the papers said.

In southern Adana, military authorities said they detained 16 members of two illegal left-wing organisations and confiscated their weapons after a raid on Tuesday.

The Turkish military authorities said Tuesday that 15 alleged leaders of organised crime had been charged with arms smuggling and illicit currency deals.

The men were detained during a raid by the military on Oct. 5, less than a month after the army seized power here to end a period of political paralysis and rampant inter-factional violence. They were charged last weekend.

Before the military takeover, smuggling of arms into Turkey, particularly from Bulgaria, and heroin smuggling from the east through Turkey to Western Europe, was increasing alarmingly, government officials said.

Martial law authorities also at the weekend detained three top executives of the leading textile company, Mensucat Santral Turk A.S.

A company spokesman told Reuters that the chairman, general manager and supply manager were arrested on suspicion of illegally transferring funds abroad. (R)

Graham Greene awarded Israeli prize

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: English novelist Graham Greene has been awarded the 1981 Jerusalem Prize for his writings against "tyranny and despotism," the West Jerusalem Municipality announced Tuesday.

Mr. Greene was honoured for works "in which faith is the corner-stone of human freedom."

the citation said.

The prize is awarded every two years. Literary figures who have won the prize include Simone de Beauvoir and Octavio Paz.

Mr. Greene will come to occupied Jerusalem in April to accept the prize, which consists of a plaque and a varying sum of money, usually several thousand

dollars, the municipality said.

Mr. Greene, whose dominant theme is Catholicism, is mentioned every year as a candidate for the Nobel Prize. Among his best known works are *The Power and the Glory*, *The Heart of the Matter*, *The Human Factor*, *The Quiet American* and *Travels with My Aunt*. (AP)

West Bank blast kills Arab

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: A Palestinian from Hebron in the occupied West Bank was killed Wednesday and another wounded when a bomb they were preparing exploded, military sources said.

The sources said the two had apparently planned to plant the explosive device somewhere in Israel.

The bomb exploded just outside the Jewish settlement of Efrat Arab in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, an Israeli army spokesman said.

First inquiries indicated that the charge went off late Tuesday as the two prepared a bomb attack on the settlement, the spokesman added.

The wounded suspect was taken to hospital here while police arrested his two brothers and questioned his other relatives after a careful search revealed equipment believed to be for sabotage on their premises. (Agencies)

Israeli soldiers charged with theft, brutality in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: A number of Israeli soldiers have been charged with theft and brutality following incidents at Silwad in the occupied West Bank, an army spokesman said here Wednesday.

Silwad residents complained about the behaviour of Israeli troops 10 days ago during a curfew

imposed after the murder of a Palestinian who had allegedly collaborated with Israeli authorities.

After former Israeli foreign minister Moshe Dayan pressed for a full investigation, a military inquiry indicated that young parachutists on military service had taken part in search operations at Silwad alongside frontier police.

Marcos decorates Arab oil ministers

MANILA: President Ferdinand Marcos presented the oil ministers of Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with one of the country's highest awards Wednesday citing "services in the field of international relations."

The three ministers, Mr. Tayeb Abdul Karim of Iraq, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah of Kuwait and Dr. Mana Said Al Oteibah of the UAE received the Sikatuna award in a ceremony at the palace.

The Philippines is aiming to strengthen its ties with the Arab World as part of its efforts to ensure adequate oil imports for 1981.

The ministers arrived in the Philippines Tuesday after the conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Bali, Indonesia.

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People... in the news



A hand leads the carol singing.

CALLY and mentally apped children had two guests at their Christmas on Tuesday - **Prin-Basma and Santa**

both entertained the 160 in who had been invited festivities by the man of the Intercontinental

youngsters enjoyed a meal before Santa in a balloon-covered car dozens of presents. and out gifts for each before they sang Christ-

na Al Halase, aged 12, returned from America, she had a major opern her spine and legs. said: "This is the first been to since I got it's marvellous. I don't what present I will get ather Christmas but I cited about it."

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AN Ken Feit would all you a story. But this is ary story, because Ken ssional storyteller who ands and a variety of pros to illustrate his ing tales.

as just visited Amman, a short notice he gave a ute performance which idren and adults alike

glued to their seats at the Haya Arts Centre.

Using sign language he told a simple story of death - a subject he is keen on because he believes that people are unnecessarily frightened of it.

He then lit a match and asked one half of the audience to sing Happy Birthday to the flame, but Happy Deathday to the wood.

He explained his philosophy: "Storytelling is the oldest art in the world. It is older than religion, although I do identify with Christ because he told stories for a purpose."

"I aim to do the same thing," Ken has had excellent training for his job. He studied as a priest for eight years and then spent spells as a clown and living with the American Sioux Indians before taking up storytelling professionally.

He tells traditional stories, but also invents some of his own. Some traditional tales have a twist that is purely his.

One of his stories involves a beautiful princess who kisses a frog. He asks the audience what happens next.

"They expect the frog to turn into a handsome prince, but I tell them that all that happens is that he is now a happy frog. My point is that it is worth more to be happy than to be a handsome prince."

"I try to entertain people but also prod them into thinking. I believe that storytelling is a metaphor for life. Sadly it is an art which is being lost mainly because of television."

Ken has been touring the Middle East collecting new tales for his repertoire.

A NEW society at Jordan Uni-

versity wants to lend a hand in the community.

The society is believed to be the first of its kind dedicated to public service. It is being run by the University's dean of students, **Dr. Abdul Rahman 'Adas**, and aims to make youngsters more self-reliant and independent, while helping others.

The society will encourage its members to get involved in work outside their intellectual studies. They plan to do voluntary work and join work camps, field trips, conferences and rallies.

AL HUSSEIN Society for the Physically Handicapped is holding a **Christmas Bazaar** at their Fifth Circle headquarters or Dec. 20.

ANYONE looking for superb Christmas gifts at bargain prices should have been at the bazaar held by the wife of the German ambassador, **Mrs. Elisabeth Munz**, at her residence on Wednesday.

Many of the gifts were hand made by Germans living in Amman, with soft toys, embroidered goods and knitted toys being snapped up by the enthusiastic shoppers. There were hand-made Christmas decorations and delicious traditional German cakes.

Although this is not the first bazaar Mrs. Munz has organised, it is the first for Christmas.

She said: "We think that people like to buy nice gifts at a reasonable price - and anyway we enjoy ourselves!"

Proceeds from the bazaar,



Princess Basma receives a bouquet

expected to be around JD 400, will go to local charities.

LEBANON's popular **Rahabani Folk Troupe** arrived in town in person last week.

The four top members of the troupe, **Assi Rahabani, Ronza Hasawani, Nasri Shamsadine and Josef Nasseef**, were in Amman to present their latest musical play "Al Shakhs" (the person) at the Palace of Culture.

Their two performances were sponsored by Jordan Television.

THE UNIVERSITY of Jordan Wednesday started celebrations marking its **18th anniversary**. After reading it in the local press, we called the university's public relations department to enquire about the "celebrations". They said there were none. It was only to "remind" the readers that the university is 18 years old.

Classes started at the university in mid-December 1962, with 169 students and seven instructors in one faculty (arts). Now it has 10,767 students in ten faculties with more than 500 teaching staff.

THE CHRISTMAS spirit has arrived in Amman with a bazaar organised by the **British Ladies of Amman**.

Hundreds of people turned up to buy handicrafts, plants, home-made jam and cakes, clothes, books and bric-a-brac.

Even the wintery weather couldn't dampen the festive atmosphere in the British Embassy Club.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Home of Peace, the San Franciscan Sisters and the Marka mother and child clinic.

UNRWA's Director of Health since 1975, **Dr. Jean Puyet**, retires from the World Health Organisation on Dec. 24. He will be succeeded by **Dr. Georges**

G. Meilland of Switzerland, who joined the agency on Dec. 1.

ARABIC specialist **Mr. Mahmud Ibrahim** left UNRWA agency at the end of November on cessation of a loan from UNESCO.

PHILIPPINE embassy Charge d'Affaires **Mr. Rafael Seguis** hopes to improve trade relations with Jordan. He considers this to be one of the priorities of the new Philippine Embassy, which opened here in Amman in October.

Mr. Seguis made his comments at a reception held at the Intercontinental Hotel on Sunday.

The embassy, which has a staff of just seven at the moment, will be helping the estimated 1,500 Filipinos who are living in Jordan at the moment.

Mr. Seguis said: "We think that we have plenty to offer Jordan."

"We have an excess of manpower, particularly in the construction business, where the Jordanians are carrying out a great deal of work."

"We would also like to improve trade relations and export more to this country."

The embassy has been set up as part of a Philippine move to improve relations with the Middle East.

Mr. Seguis was based in Tehran before taking up his post in Amman.

He said: "I was there just as the troubles broke out. It was very difficult."

"My only problems in Amman are setting up an embassy from the start. But I am enjoying the work!"

THE UNIVERSITY of Jordan will participate in a seminar on Arab unity sponsored by the Beirut-based Arab Unity Research Centre, starting Saturday. It will be represented at the four-day seminar by **Dr. Abdul Aziz Al**



The Princess chats with some of the children.



Santa hands out a present

Douri of the Faculty of Arts.

THE UNIVERSITY of Jordan will also participate in a symposium on unifying chemistry curricula in the Arab World, starting Monday. The six-day meeting in Rabat is organised by the Arab Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The university is represented by **Dr. Adel Jarrar** of the chemistry department.

FANCY a sing-sing? Why not join the **Christmas Carol singers** at the U.K. Ambassador's residence tomorrow (Friday) at sunset.

WEDDING congratulations to Alia air academy instructor **Fiz Walters** and International School teacher **Pauline Dore**. They will marry at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at First Circle on Saturday.

ALIA, the Royal Jordanian Airline, is really flying high.

Earlier this week the airline celebrated 17 years in business. And Alia chairman and president **Ali Ghandour** promised that the airline would continue to develop.

He said: "In these moments I recall the beginning, the humble start with humble means

when Alia was just a dream backed by an iron will, the will of His Majesty the King, the leader of aviation, construction and civilisation, not only in Jordan, but the Arab World at large.

"This was when he decided Alia should be a roving ambassador in the capitals of the world, when he wanted it to be also the bridge through which we exchange civilisation, culture, knowledge, technology, commerce and understanding with the peoples of the world."

"And this was when he said it should be a tool of construction and development, to be as a service of the Jordanian economy and to develop in such a way as to secure its permanence, to complete and co-operate with other airlines and not to be a parasite on the government budget."

"And since then, we in Alia have been building a strong corporation and extending our bridges toward the world."

"From small prop airplanes and a limited regional network, in a few years Alia was able to acquire a modern fleet which includes 747s and 727s, and we shall receive next year wide-bodied aircraft - TriStar 500s - to replace the existing 707s."

"Our limited network has expanded to include 36 capitals of the world, and from 20 flights weekly it has expanded to 130 flights each week, and from carrying 100,000 passengers annually to over 1,400,000 this year, and from revenues of

around JD 1 million each year to a little more than JD 100 million this year."

"Also, Alia was able to create a new generation of air specialists. We have today 300 pilots, 250 engineers, more than 1,200 persons working in passenger services, 900 in marketing and 600 in administration and planning."

"And this production is ever-increasing due to the great training centres that Alia is proud to own."

"All of us in Alia believe that we are in service of the Jordanian individual. If these achievements receive the approval of the Jordanian individual and his confidence then we are definitely on the right path... and we shall have been worth of His Majesty's confidence, his backing and his respect."



Guests celebrate Alia's 17th anniversary.



Members of the new public service society at Jordan University.



Storyteller Ken Feit makes a point.



Ken in action



President of Alia Ali Ghandour (pictured right) next to Alia's vice-president of press relations Munib Touqan.

Big U.S. banks lift prime to 21%

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP) — Several of the biggest American commercial banks have raised their prime lending rate to a record 21 per cent.

The increase, from the 20 per cent prime rate set just last week, comes amid further increases in bank's cost of acquiring funds and adds further pressure to the American economy, which many economists think will slide into another recession.

The increase was announced Tuesday by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, the fifth-largest U.S. bank, and was quickly matched by a number of others, including Manufacturers Hanover Trust, the fourth largest bank, Chemical Bank (number six) and First National Bank of Chicago (number nine). Other major banks were expected to follow suit.

A spokesman for Morgan Guaranty said the rate increase was prompted by the bank's rising cost of funds.

Last Wednesday banks nationwide raised their prime rates one full percentage point to 20 per cent, matching the peak of last spring when the economy was dipping into recession. Banks' cost of funds have risen rapidly in recent weeks as the Federal Reserve Board tightened its grip on credit in an effort to curb U.S. inflation.

The soaring rates have boosted fears of another recession. Mr. Lloyd Johnson, vice chairman of Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, warned that the high rates are having "a traumatic effect on many sectors of the economy, like automobiles and housing."

The housing industry, after mounting a brief recovery as interest rates declined this summer, has slipped again. The survival of Chrysler Corporation, despite government-guaranteed loans, is again in question and Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca blames high interest rates as the principal cause.

Retail sales have also been sluggish, as some consumers react to higher interest rates and retailers face higher financing costs in carrying inventory for the Christmas season.

Chrysler asks restraint

Meanwhile, Chrysler Corporation has asked its workers to forgo pay increases due under their current work contract, United Automobile Workers (UAW) union president Douglas Fraser said last night.

The third largest U.S. carmaker made the request because of its inability so far to meet objectives for its financial recovery, he said.

With federal government backing, Chrysler has borrowed about \$800 million to avoid bankruptcy.

On Friday it will ask the government's Chrysler loan guarantee board to approve additional borrowing, which Mr. Fraser said should total about \$400 million.

Mr. Fraser said the proposed pay freeze would include both an annual three per cent increase and cost of living adjustments due under the three-year contract which expires in September 1982.

The saving to the company if the workers accepted the freeze could be in the region of \$600 million, he said.

Chrysler's 60,800 hourly-paid workers represented by the UAW would have to approve the freeze, but Mr. Fraser said he would recommend that they should reopen contract negotiations.

Japan, China, Taiwan TV deals

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Hitachi of Japan has signed a contract to set up a joint venture company in China's Fujian province to produce and market PAL-system colour and monochrome television sets. Hitachi announced here today.

The joint firm will be established with capital of 3.6 million yuan (about \$2.5 million) and start production next March.

Hitachi said Fujian-Hitachi television, the first joint venture company to be set up in China by a Japanese electronics manufacturing firm, will have an annual capacity of 200,000 colour and 180,000 monochrome sets for marketing in China and abroad.

Meanwhile, Taiwan is to increase its sales of small black-and-white television sets in Britain by 50 per cent next year, it was revealed in London today.

Britain's Radio Industry Council said after talks with the Taiwan Electrical Appliance Manufacturing Association that an agreement on "voluntary restriction on imports" was reached to enable Taiwan—the world's biggest producer of these small TV sets—to raise its share of the British market. Through October, Taiwan held about five per cent of the market, compared with Japan's 33 per cent and Singapore's 25 per cent.

Japan payments in sur

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (R) — In a demonstration of Japan's economic strength, official figures showed today that its overall balance of payments moved into surplus last month despite huge oil imports.

Strong exports of goods and a large inflow of capital attracted by the country's sound economy helped create a \$1.35 billion overall balance of payments surplus in November, finance ministry officials said.

This compared with a \$1.08 billion deficit the previous month and a \$3.47 billion deficit between April and September.

Japan has to import almost all the oil it needs and fast-rising

OPEC prices have slashed the country's former trade surpluses.

But the value of exports in November was 29 per cent higher than in the same month last year, while imports were up only six per cent. Its trade surplus was \$560 million, slightly down on a \$776 million surplus in October, but far improved on a \$1.27 billion deficit in November last year.

Fresh foreign investment in Japanese bonds and stocks also helped to push the long-term capital account into surplus in November.

Price rises of about 10 per cent announced yesterday by OPEC oil ministers in Bali are expected to increase Japan's oil import bill

next year to about \$32 billion compared with \$29 billion last year and \$32 billion.

Inflation is running at eight per cent, low western industrial Prime Minister Zein on Monday that if fiscal year ends would probably be cent.

Japan's Inflation Research Centre today reported another 10 per cent increase in the Jap should grow by 5.1 terms in 1981, estimate for fiscal

Dollar eases on London markets

LONDON, Dec. 17 (R) — Despite a surge in U.S. interest rates to a new high, the dollar eased and commodity prices rebounded today in sharp contrast to their movements last week.

Dealers said today's price changes showed last week's movements, chiefly caused by the rise in U.S. rates, had been overdone.

Markets which had been plunged into hectic trading by the rise in U.S. banks' prime lending rates last week reacted calmly to yesterday's increase in the prime to a record 21 per cent.

The dollar dropped to 1.9965 West German marks in London, more than two pence down on yesterday. It fell similar amounts against other leading currencies.

Gold, which fell nearly \$60 in four days to \$561 an ounce last Friday, traded at \$575 in Europe today, a jump of \$18 from yesterday.

The rising gold price encouraged increases in the prices of other commodities, particularly metals.

Financial markets were still dominated by concern with interest rates, dealers said. OPEC's

decision to raise oil prices by around 10 per cent had little impact because it had been widely anticipated.

But investors had clearly decided that falls in commodities and a strong rise in the dollar in past days had already taken account of yesterday's prime rate change.

Speculators who sold commodities in New York last night in expectation of further price falls had to buy hurriedly again as values held firm.

Copper traded in London today at \$745 (\$1,824) a tonne, £10 (\$23) higher than yesterday. Lead, aluminium, sugar and cocoa were among other commodities to show price rises.

But despite today's changes most commodities remained weak and the dollar strong, dealers said.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	310.50	312.50
U.K. sterling	718.00	722.20
West German mark	154.60	155.60
Swiss franc	170.40	171.40
Italian lire		
(for every 100)	32.50	33.70
French franc	66.70	67.10
Dutch guilder	142.40	143.30
Swedish crown	69.40	69.80
Belgium franc	95.70	96.30
Japanese yen		
(for every 100)	148.80	149.70

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	2,554	1,810	1.8
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2,625	2,340	2.3
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2,449	1,700	1.6
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	430	2,070	2.0
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	910	16,500	15.5
Bank of Jordan Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	150	14,700	14.7
Arab Financial Foundation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10,000	47	11,450	11.4
El Izdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	500	2,350	2.3
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	84	12,100	12.1
General Insurance Co. (Old)	JD 1,000	1,000	1,540	1.5
General Investments Co.	JD 1,000	50	1,220	1.2
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	2,813	2,060	2.0
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	2,250	0,950	0.9
International Construction and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	5,715	0,870	0.8
Dar Al Sha'b for Press, Publications and Distribution	JD 1,000	1,300	0,960	0.9
Jordan Dairy Co. (New)	JD 1,000	517	1,300	1.3
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1,000	1,290	1.2
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	7,676	3,550	3.5
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	13,800	1,950	1.9
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	2,197	3,700	3.7
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	200	1,280	1.2
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	2,439	0,700	0.6
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	150	1,500	1.5
Arab Pharmaceutical Industries Co.	JD 5,000	60	28,000	28.0
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1,246	9,150	9.1
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	25	14,000	14.0
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	682	19,470	19.4

Total volume of shares traded on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1980: JD 143,126

Total number of shares traded: 52,869

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High
1990 8 3/4%	JD 10,000	100	10,000	10.00

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 17 (R) — Share prices drifted lower in quiet trading after a firmer opening, dealers said. Davy Corp. however was a firm feature after news of the bid by Enserch Corp. they added. At 1500 the FT index was down 252 at 467.7.

Davy jumped 36p to 186p following the news, but later slipped back to 175p, a net gain of 25p. Elsewhere, leading industrials were 2p to 4p lower on lack of interest, dealers added.

U.S. and Canadian issues were mixed with General Motors down 12p to £18.38 and IBM up 94p to £28.88.

Government bonds drifted up to 1/2 point lower at the longer end in quiet trading, dealers said. The activation yesterday of the medium TAP combined with higher U.S. interest rates sidelined most operators, they added.

Among industrials MEPC was down 7p to 222p after results, while Reed International, Unilever, Thorn, Hawker Siddeley and Tube Investments were between 2p and 4p easier.

John Brown and Guest Keen each rose 2p against the trend while Thomas Borthwick was up 4p to 28p on further consideration of yesterday's results.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Dec. 17 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.3280/3310	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2046/49	Canadian dollar
	1.9775/9805	West German marks
	2.1450/1500	Dutch guilders
	1.7975/8025	Swiss francs
	31.85/90	Belgian francs
	4.5750/5850	French francs
	937.00/940.00	Italian lire
	208.45/75	Japanese yen
	4.4670/80	Swedish crowns
	5.2010/20	Norwegian crowns
	6.1575/90	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	\$80.00/\$82.00	U.S. dollars

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1980

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have excellent ideas for getting ahead but make a careful study before putting them in operation. Be logical.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) The morning is the best time for meeting with associates and to clear up any misunderstanding. Relax at home tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are able to handle financial affairs well early in the day when you are thinking clearly. Be courteous to others.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Engage in personal matters that are important to you and be as precise as you possibly can. Express happiness.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Planning your future carefully is wise in the morning and later you can handle business matters cleverly. Be careful of outsiders.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A fine day for arranging the future more wisely with friends in business and in personal life. Act in a positive manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to get valuable support from influential persons today. Try to cooperate more with associates for mutual gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have many ideas now that should be put in operation without delay. Seek the company of congenial tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your duties and be sensible in handling them. Come to a better accord with loved one. Express happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Follow through on a personal matter that can bring you benefits in the future. Evening is fine for romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be more enthused about the work you have to do and get better results thereby. Strive for increased happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have new desires that need more study before you pursue them. Be sure to take health treatments you may need.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 19, 1980

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have to be more subtle with higher-ups if you wish to advance in career activities. Make new acquaintances of worth.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Engage in practical matters that could pave the way to added income in the future. Be happy with loved one.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are able to come to a far better understanding with mate now. Make plans that can bring advancement in your career.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) This a day when you can gain your aims by being more direct. Express happiness with the one you love.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to help close ties who are having problems at this time. Take treatments that will make you feel more dynamic.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take care of regular routines early in the day so you'll have more time for recreation later. Be poised.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Obtain important data you need from the right sources. Adopt a philosophy that can be good for you in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan what must be done to put your affairs on a more solid basis. Allies can be helpful. Be more grateful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your position well and know where to make changes that could give added income in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you truly want the pleasures you pursue today and are not wrongly influenced by others. Be wise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Good day to handle practical affairs wisely, so avoid time-wasting friends for now. Strive for increased happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Go after personal goals in a sure and steadfast manner and get excellent results. Be more cooperative with associates.

Tennis Talk

By Maureen Stalla

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the sudden onslaught of wet rain and snow last week and the resulting difficult circumstances in Amman on Thursday, many Jordan Times readers missed last week's "Tennis Talk" column on the forehand. Accordingly, that column is repeated today.

THE BASIC forehand can be divided into three parts—the backswing, the ball contact, and the finish. Learn each part as it were the most important, because each must be mastered carefully for the stroke to be smooth, beautiful and deadly.

From the ready position, pivot by stepping with the right foot to the right. As you do this take your racket straight back to the fence no higher than waist level, with the racket head no higher than the wrist, and the heel of the racket aimed where you want the ball to go. Remember to stand sideways to the net, and keep the elbow in close to the body.

Transfer your weight to the shot by stepping toward the net with your left foot after the ball bounces. Contact the ball well in front of your body, trying to hold the ball on your racket face as long as possible. Think of hitting the ball. Say to yourself, "Left (toot) and lift (the ball over the net)".

Always hold the finish. The person with the sustained follow-through will have the best forehand. Hold your finish until you have corrected your feet, balance and racket position. For the feet, all weight should be on the left foot which is flat and at a forty-five degree angle to the net; the back foot has only the toe lightly touching the court.

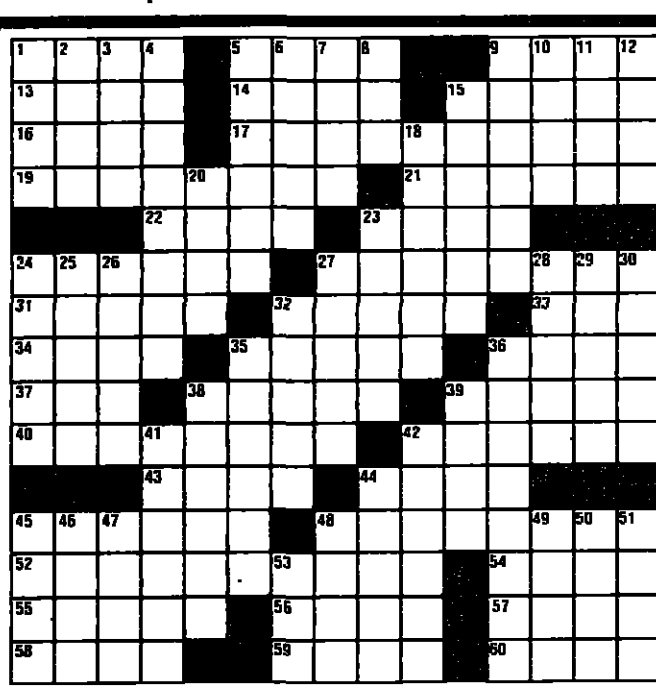
For a correct balance, bend the front knee and stand tall and straight with the hips and shoulders squared to the net. The wrist should be firm and at eye level; the racket is on edge—that is, perpendicular to the court—and the heel of the racket should point to the left shoulder. Don't recover to your ready position until your feet, balance and racket position check out.

Left handers hit the same way, but it is all reversed—step with the right foot toward the net and finish with the heel of the racket pointing to the right shoulder.

Practice the forehand carefully, keeping in mind that at first, proper technique is much more important than power and finesse. Real power and real finesse only come later to those who master and groove the classic forehand.

THE Daily Crossword by David A. Scully

ACROSS	DOWN
1 All, once	1 Scorch
2 Town near Padua	2 Where Venetians bask
3 Court procedure	3 Bows beside 27A
4 City in Hawaii	4 Lots of sequoia here
5 Spacecraft	5 Protective screen of fighter planes
6 Unpleasant family	6 Snake
7 Site of Mt. Whitney	7 Money drawer
8 Sports arena	8 Upon: pref.
9 Defensive coverings	9 Israeli mount
10 Blackbird	10 "He loved his country — other —"
11 "Look —"	11 Ado
12 Nestling hawk	13 Shearer and Talmadge
14 Make heavy	15 A Truman
16 Anahim	17 Moses' brother
18 Parfums	19 Mild catharsis
20 Notion	21 On the Seyhan
22 Age	23 Rare thing in June
24 "Call-formia, here —"	25 Pitcher Ryan
26 Thrown for —	27 Spongy
28 Weakly	29 Channel
30 Good Books	31 Tilt
32 Delicate	33 Basswood
34 Egyptian	35 Hermit
36 Father	37 Autocrat
38 Constructed	39 Tobacco
40 Saarihin	41 River to North Sea
42 Tipsey	



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FOREN BRIDGE

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either vulnerable. South als.

NORTH
♦ 98
♦ 86
♦ AK72
♦ KQJ53

EAST
♦ 32
♦ AK104
♦ 19732
♦ 109 ♦ 865
♦ 982

SOUTH
♦ AQJ107
♦ 5
♦ J43
♦ A1064

bidding:
West North East
2 ♦ 3 ♦ Pass
Pass 4 ♦ Pass
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♣

Major suits are all but often at duplicate pairs. The scoring is lame—the rewards for a successful contract in a major for no trump are considerably higher than for suits.

He explains the bidding today's hand, played at recent ACBL Summer American Championships in Chicago. South felt gated to rebid his good major suit and North led to play in the 5-2 fit, that a slam in clubs ends on little more than spade finesse.

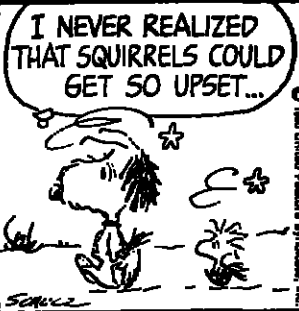
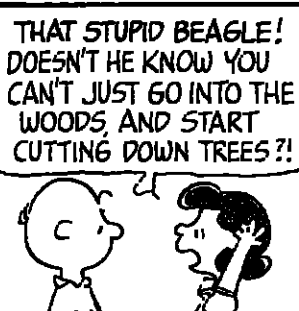
At the table we watched,

declarer showed exemplary technique. West attacked with two high hearts, and declarer ruffed the second round with the ten. He realized that many pairs would reach six clubs, and if the spade finesse succeeded, all would outscore him. So South decided to base his play on the fact that the spade finesse was destined to lose. If that were the case, declarer would do better than all the pairs who played in a club contract, even if he collected only ten tricks at spades. And if the trick king was favorably located, South's efforts to secure his contract would match all those players who languished in a club game, since scoring twelve tricks in clubs yields the same 120 points as netting ten tricks at spades.

At trick three, declarer led a low spade to dummy's nine. West played low, setting a subtle trap. If declarer now ran the spade eight, West would win and force declarer with a heart. That would leave West with a long trump and declarer would fail by several tricks. But South was not to be deflected.

He continued with a trump to the ace. Leaving two trumps outstanding, he started to run the clubs. West could ruff any time he desired, but declarer retained trump control. The defenders could score no more than two trump tricks and a heart, and declarer received an excellent score for a well-played hand.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



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Party, Church and independent union leaders appeal for national reconciliation

Poland's leaders' look forward to a period of domestic peace



Polish miners stand holding wreaths before the unveiling of the Gdansk memorial on Tuesday. (AP wirephoto)

Castro opens Cuba's second party congress

HAVANA, Dec. 17 (R) — President Fidel Castro today opened the second congress of the Cuban Communist Party by reading a report outlining the country's economic and social aims for the years to 1985.



Fidel Castro

It will also review the progress of the Soviet style "people's power" system of local and national assemblies set up since 1975.

The four-day gathering of 1,780 delegates and 170 foreign delegations was likely to avoid controversy and demonstrate unity in the face of hostility from the United States.

Hundreds of policemen pat-

rolled overnight in the area surrounding the Palace of conventions, where the congress is to be held, making widespread identity checks on passers-by.

The first congress took place in 1975 after the Castro government has ruled since the 1959 revolution without such formal institutions.

Dr. Castro and his dozen or so close associates now wield overwhelming power through the party, which has the congress as its supreme institution.

No change at the very top were expected to be made at the congress, but diplomats in Havana believed some of the 122 members of the central committee could be dropped for personal failings.

The 13-member political bureau might also be expanded to include several rising politicians, they said.

Politburo member Jose Ramon Machado Ventura said last month that the congress would alter some of the party's statutes, but did not specify which.

He said the modifications would reflect practical experience, implying that there would be no change of ideological direction.

The congress will review Cuba's first five-year plan, now reaching its end, and endorse modest reforms aimed at boosting productivity.

A three-man Zimbabwe delegation is one of the foreign groups attending the congress.

The delegation, includes Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's Secretary, Lovemore Magurisa, Mr. Kunbirai Kangai, labour and social affairs minister, and Mr. Godfrey Chidyausiku, deputy minister of local government and housing.

WARSAW, Dec. 17 (R) — Poland's Communist Party leaders today looked forward to a period of domestic peace following emotive ceremonies in which they sought reconciliation over the deaths of workers 10 years ago and publicly acknowledge mistakes of the past.

The ceremonies in Gdansk and Gdynia brought communists, Roman Catholics and the Solidarity free trade union movement together for the first time in public after months of unrest and bitter feuding.

All sides called for moderation and national unity, drawing on the deep-rooted forces of nationalism which historically have bound Poles to a common cause in times of crisis.

But the anniversary commemorations of the victims who had previously been ignored by the authorities were seen more as a symbol of hope than a guarantee of future stability.

Deep divisions remain between the party and the Solidarity free trade union, and no one claimed that the tensions inherent in their fragile relationship had disappeared.

The ceremonies, however, appeared to demonstrate to all Poles that the authorities were committed to promised political renewal.

Speaking after the Gdansk and Gdynia ceremonies, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said the time was not right for further strikes in Poland.

"We have to learn negotiations instead of strikes," he told reporters. He told a press conference that Solidarity did "not want to overthrow the system."

The three crosses towering over the Baltic port of Gdansk, around which half a million Poles gathered in a floodlit ceremony last night, symbolised the extent of this commitment.

The crosses represented the first three shipyard workers killed by security forces in Gdansk in December 1970 during a week of strikes and food price riots.

At least 45 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured in the 1970 riots but for 10 years Poland's communist rulers refused to commemorate the victims.

One of the conditions for end-

ing the strikes was the erection of monuments in Gdansk, Gdynia and Szczecin, the three ports which bore the brunt of the 1970 upheaval.

The monument in Gdynia, a four-metre tall construction bearing the inscription "1970" with a crumpled figure seven to represent a shot worker falling to the ground, was unveiled at a pre-dawn ceremony today.

The ceremony took place at five a.m., 10 years to the hour after soldiers opened fire on a column of workers as they filed across a railway bridge on their way back to work at the Paris Commune shipyard after a strike.

In the ensuing melee 13 people were shot dead and 75 seriously injured.

A similar ceremony was held in the northwestern port of Szczecin where, according to official figures, 16 people were killed and 117 seriously wounded during the December violence.

A requiem mass was held at St. Jacob's Cathedral and a plaque commemorating the dead was unveiled at the main gate of the Adolf Warski shipyard.

The Soviet media today remained silent on yesterday's mass rally in Gdansk, reflecting Soviet reluctance to publicise the prominent role the free trade union movement now occupies in Poland.

Soviet newspapers and Moscow Radio and the official media in all countries of the Soviet bloc ignored all mention of it in coverage from the Polish capital.

Leaders of the Polish state, Church and the now powerful Solidarity labour union spoke out on the same platform at the rally, appealing for social peace and national reconciliation in the country.

But though the Kremlin will clearly approve of the sentiments expressed, it apparently does not wish to indicate the power which the non-party Solidarity movement now exerts in Poland.

World News Briefs

Jiang trial postponed for fourth day

PEKING, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — The trial of Jiang Qing, Mao Tse-tung's wife and the leader of the Gang of Four, was postponed again today, for the fourth consecutive day.

An official spokesman confirmed that no session would be held today.

The last hearing was held on Saturday. Jiang was the last of defendants still scheduled to answer questions before the special court of 35 judges, gathered to hear charges of "counter-revolutionary crimes" allegedly committed by the 10 during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

Jiang was escorted out of the witness stand last Friday after she insulted witnesses who had testified against her, and openly defied the judges.

She and her nine co-defendants all face the death penalty if convicted.

Polish radio to broadcast Christmas mass

WARSAW, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Midnight mass will be broadcast live on Christmas Eve for the first time in 30 years from Cracow's Wawel Cathedral, the Catholic pro-government newspaper *Slowo Powszechne* reported today.

Christmas mass was traditionally broadcast over the radio in the 1920s and 1930s, interrupted during the Nazi occupation, then briefly resumed in the early post-war communist period.

In September, in the context of the Gdansk agreements, Sunday mass has once more been featured on television.

Guyanese elections 'neither free nor fair'

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Nationwide general elections held here yesterday were neither free nor fair, an international observation team concluded today.

Team leader Lord Avebury, chairman of the United Kingdom parliamentary human rights group, told a news conference that the team had concluded that "the worst fears expressed by the Guyanese people regarding violations of the electoral process have been confirmed."

Team members claimed to have evidence of voter intimidation, including physical violence, double registration, control of polling stations by active supporters of the ruling Peoples National Congress (PNC), lack of ballot boxes and other infractions.

Meanwhile, official sources said today that Lord Avebury would not be charged in connection with an alleged breach of regulations by taking pictures within 200 metres of polling stations. However, film seized from the team leader's camera by police is to be processed and examined.

Members of the team said they regretted that the Guyanese government had lost an opportunity to demonstrate to the world the genuineness of its intention to hold free and fair elections.

German defence budget short of NATO target

BONN, Dec. 17 (R) — West Germany said today it would boost defence spending next year by more than originally planned, but the increase appeared likely to fall short of the agreed NATO target.

A finance ministry spokesman said the cabinet last night agreed to make an extra 700 million marks (\$350 million) available for defence, bringing the military budget to 41.5 billion marks (\$20.8 billion).

Allowing for an expected inflation rate of four per cent next year, the real increase would be about 2.2 per cent — still below the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) goal of three per cent.

West Germany, the most affluent of the European NATO countries, has been under pressure from the United States to meet the target and set an example to other members of the alliance.

'Poles can settle own prob

Soviet leader d any intervention

PARIS, Dec. 17 (R) — The Soviet Union's intention of meddling in the internal affairs of Poland, the secretary-general of the Communist Party's central committee, Ponomarev, said today.

"The Poles are big enough to settle their own problems and the Soviet Union in no way intends to interfere in their affairs," he was quoted as saying.

Mr. Ponomarev, leading a Soviet parliament made the status Assembly "Pravda" Chaban-Delad close aides to "liamentarian."

Plane hijackers sur

HAVANA, Dec. 17 (R) — Seven leftist guerrillas who hijacked a Colombian airliner on Monday have surrendered after releasing its 51 passengers and crew, the plane's captain said today.

Capt. Eduardo Prada Arias told reporters the plane would return to Bogota shortly.

The Boeing 727, owned by the Colombian airline Avianca, was seized on Monday by members of the Colombian left-wing guerrilla

organisation. M domestic flight. Capt. Prada hijackers had the with pistols, the bombs, demands political stance surrendered they arrived in Havana. The plane in omban cities of Barranquilla, b Panama and M way to Havana.

Irish hunger stri believed close to

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Irish hunger-striker Sean MacKenna showed a "marked deterioration" as he began his 52nd day without food in Belfast's Maze Prison today the Northern Ireland Office said today.

A spokesman said that Mr. MacKenna 26, was fast losing his sight and another prisoner was also in danger of going blind through lack of vitamins.

Seven prisoners began the strike on Oct. 27 to win political status from the British government. They were joined recently by 39 others. The spokesman said that the state of the other five already in their second month showed "no significant change."

A journalist who visited Mr. MacKenna said last night he believes that he will be die soon.

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A profile of General Alexander Haig

America's controversial new secretary of state

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (R) — Gen. Alexander Haig rose to prominence as a protege of Mr. Henry Kissinger and an adviser to Mr. Richard Nixon — roles that trained him well for high office but also left him vulnerable to controversy.



General Haig in his days as NATO supreme commander

The retired army general and former NATO commander seems uniquely qualified to be secretary of state, the post to which President-elect Ronald Reagan nominated him yesterday.

A soldier-diplomat who made a meteoric rise to power during the Nixon White House years, Mr. Haig has been described by Mr. Nixon as "a man of thought and a man of action."

Before he is confirmed by the Senate, however, he will almost surely face questioning about his role as White House chief of staff during Mr. Nixon's final days in

office.

Senate Democrats have also served notice they intend to question the general about his involvement in Nixon White House decisions to tap the telephones of government officials and reporters in an effort to stop news leaks.

That bugging programme, disclosed during the Watergate investigations, took place when Mr. Haig was Mr. Henry Kissinger's deputy on the National Security Council.

Although some Reagan aides were known to be worried that a

Haig nomination might thus generate too much controversy, Mr. Reagan himself seemed confident the general could handle any questions Congress might raise about his past conduct.

While critics remain, most Americans appear to believe the 56-year-old army careerist emerged from the Watergate scandal, including the resignations of a president and a vice-president under whom he served, with his reputation unscathed.

By several accounts, including the Watergate book *The Final Days* by Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, Mr. Haig at first encouraged the president to "stonewall" against investigators' demands that he turn over key White House tape recordings.

In the end, the Supreme Court forced Mr. Nixon to release those tapes and they strengthened the impeachment charges Congress was then considering.

Almost all Watergate accounts agree, however, that Mr. Haig and his patron, then-secretary of state Henry Kissinger, also had a crucial role in eventually persuading Mr. Nixon to resign and spare the country the agony of an impeachment trial.

These accounts also agree that he maintained White House stability during the chaotic last days of the Nixon presidency.

Nixon attorney J. Fred Buzhardt said of the White House staff chief: "He kept the government on course for seven critical days."

Other writers on Watergate credit Mr. Haig with telling the Pentagon to keep tight rein on lines of command in that crisis period to sidetrack any improper orders from the president, who is also the commander-in-chief of the U.S. armed forces.

Whatever the truth about Gen. Haig's White House role in those days, Mr. Nixon's successor, President Gerald Ford, gave him the coveted NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) command which he held from October 1974 to July 1979.

The appointment was widely criticised at first by critics who

considered Mr. Haig "a political general."

But that reaction was quickly overshadowed by widespread praise for his competence and intelligence as the de facto operating head of the military alliance.

He established a reputation as a tough-talking but reasonable advocate of western military buildup in response to what he saw as a steady pattern of Soviet expansionism.

In addition to questions about the Watergate White House, Mr. Haig may have to address published reports that he advised President Ford to pardon Mr. Nixon for any Watergate crimes to spare the nation the agony of a president on trial.

Born in Philadelphia on Dec. 2, 1924, Mr. Haig was the son of a prominent attorney who died of cancer and left the family in difficult financial straits when Alexander was 10.

He attended Notre Dame University and graduated in 1947 from the U.S. military academy at West Point where he ranked

214th academically in a class of 310.

He served as an aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief of staff in Japan, saw combat in Korea, came home to earn a master's degree in international relations at Georgetown University and went to work in the Pentagon during President John Kennedy's administration.

He was a specialist on European, Middle East and Latin American affairs until 1967 when he was assigned to Vietnam. He won a distinguished service cross.

the second highest U.S. award for valour, and was promoted to colonel.

Upon his return to the United States in 1969, Mr. Haig was named deputy adviser to Mr. Henry Kissinger who was then President Nixon's national security adviser.

He came to be known as "Kissinger's Kissinger," making 14 assessment trips to South Vietnam and playing a major role in the Vietnam peace talks and in

policies involving China and other

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General Haig with President-elect Ronald Reagan, Vice President-elect George Bush, and former sec-

retary of state Henry Kissinger durh identical campaign.

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